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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2006, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

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